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Action

Fiscal Policy and Planning Committee

Approval of Agreements Over \$100,000 for Fiscal Year 2006-07

Executive Summary: Section 610 of the CTC Policy Manual (Contract Authority) requires that agreements or contracts of \$100,000 or more be approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing. This item presents an agreements that requires approval.

Recommended Action: Staff seeks the approval for the Executive Director to execute the agreements as presented in this agenda item.

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Strategic Plan Goal: 4

Continue effective and appropriate involvement of the Commission with policymakers on key education issues.

- Respond to policymakers information inquiries.
- Collaborate with and advise appropriate agencies.

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Introduction

Section 610 of the CTC Policy Manual (Contract Authority) requires that agreements or contracts of \$100,000 or more be approved by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (Commission). This agenda item seeks the approval for the Executive Director to authorize the agreements as presented in this agenda item that is in excess of \$100,000.

Background

As part of daily operations Commission staff has to work with various external vendors to complete some of the tasks given the expertise in the field. When an agreement of any kind exceeds \$100,000 the Commission staff must seek approval from the Commission prior to entering into the agreement. Agreements below \$100,000 are currently delegated to the Executive Director for approval.

Requested Action by the Commission

At this time, Commission staff seeks the Commission's consideration and action on two agreements. They are as follows:

- 1. Information Technology Credentialing System Enhancements
- 2. Local Assistance Intern (Enhanced Intern)

1. Information Technology – Credentialing System Enhancements

It is being requested that the Commission approve the purchase of Oracle Software for the Credentialing Automation System Enterprise (CASE) in FY 2006-2007. The total software cost is currently estimated to be \$198,500. The Oracle Real Application Cluster (RAC), several Oracle Enterprise Management Packs and Oracle Secure Backup comprise the cost.

The mission-critical CASE provides Commission-wide support and storage for Credentialing, Document Tracking, Disciplinary, other related data and processes. The Oracle Database and Oracle Siebel CRM products are highly complex applications. Out-of-the-box products do not come with sufficient tools to manage these applications requiring substantial time commitment for the various administrative and support tasks. The Oracle Software requested to be purchased will be used to reduce application down-time, increase performance, assist with complex management functions and help meet the State of California and the Commission's security requirements. The approval of the Oracle Software purchase is necessary to meet the demands of the ever changing software due to Commission sponsored and legislatively required changes. The investment will enable a more proactive monitoring and tuning of all CASE applications in order to meet the Commission's needs for performance. Further, the tools available in this package will allow for the reduction in down-time and faster problem resolution.

2. Local Assistance – Intern (Enhanced Intern Allocation)

It is requested that the Commission approve those programs for the California Alternative Certification (Intern) Funded Programs where funding is in excess of \$100,000 in FY 2006-07. A total of six programs met the grant requirements for the new Enhanced Intern program per SB 1209 (Chap. 517, Stats. 2006).

SB 1209 was signed which authorized an additional \$1,000 per participant for what is known as the Enhanced Internship program. To be eligible for the additional funds (Enhanced Internship Program), programs must agree to provide 1) additional preservice coursework and 2) enhanced support and certification compliance with placement restrictions in decile 1, 2, 3 schools in the program's second year of funding.

The following program allocations exceed the \$100,000 threshold:

Program	Allocation
San Joaquin District Intern (Impact) (Grant 904)	\$162,000
Alhambra/CSUSA Special Education (Grant 937)	\$135,000
Los Angeles Unified School District (Grant 960)	\$198,000
CSU San Bernardino/Riverside COE – Mild/Moderate Disabilities	\$108,000
(Grant 965)	
Loyola Marymount University (Grant 969)	\$100,000
CSU Dominguez Hills - Special Education (Grant 972)	\$119,000
CSU Northridge Special Education Intern Program (Grant 977)	\$125,000
Kern County Superintendent of Schools Intern Consortium (Grant 985)	\$250,000

Recommendation

Commission staff seeks the approval for the Executive Director to execute the agreements as presented in the agenda item.